

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am not in favor of the Echo Star and Direct TV merger. I feel there will be a definite long term monopoly. Also as Echostar states they can provide high speed internet everywhere in the united states, this is not true. At best they can only provide upload service at speeds local telephone companies can handle. The fact is Echo Star and Direct TV need a connection to the local telephone service to complete the internet link. We all know how slow 56K is. I would feel better if congress put more pressure on the cable tv industry to provide its service to rural areas. Cable tv is more robust, can handle much more bandwidth, and with fiber optics can provide much better service. Allowing this merger will put a damper on the cable industry to obtain funds needed to expand their networks. Please keep it an even ball park, in fact please put more pressure on the satellite companies concerning must carry rules. I know cable tv is having a tough time with this, but are fulfilling mandated laws. Satellite is not a status quo, and please do not allow this to happen, thank you for taking your time to read my concerns.

sincerely,

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via internet mail via dish network

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